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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION

Introduced By: Representatives McKiernan, Almeida, Johnston, Keable, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 22, 2017

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-9.1-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-9.1 entitled  
2 "Firefighters' Arbitration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-9.1-17. Continuance of contractual provisions.**

4 All contractual provisions contained in a collective bargaining agreement entered into  
5 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall continue in the following collective bargaining  
6 agreement unless either the bargaining agent or the corporate authority shall, in writing, within  
7 the thirty (30) day period referred to in § 28-9.1-7, propose a change in any contractual provision.  
8 The parties may agree in writing to continue all contractual provisions contained in a collective  
9 bargaining agreement until such time as the parties enter into, and have ratified or arbitrated, a  
10 successor agreement.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow unionized firefighters to enter into an agreement which continues  
2 all contractual provisions contained in an expiring contract until a successor agreement has been  
3 reached.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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